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SUBJECT: MILITARY ACTIVITY ON GREEK ISLANDS

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1. UK-TURK REPORTS THAT GREEK MILITARY FORCES NOW
PRESENT ON CERTAIN AEGEAN ISLANDS APPARENTLY CORRECT.
OUR INFORMATION IS FRAGMENTARY CONCERNING STRENGTH
AND PRECISE TIMING OF GREEK REINFORCEMENTS BUT PROCESS
BEGAN WELL BEFORE TURK INVASION OF CYPRUS
STIMULATED BY SEABEDS DISPUTES IN SPRING 1974.

2. RE LEGAL STATUS, WE UNDERSTAND THAT GREEKS REJECT
TURK CLAIMS THAT 1923 LAUSANNE CONVENTION AND/OR 1947
TREATY OF PEACE WITH ITALY PROHIBIT MILITARY ACTIVITY
ON AEGEAN ISLANDS IN QUESTION BY CONTENDING THAT 1936
MONTREAUX CONVENTION ABROGATED LAUSANNE AGREEMENT AND
THAT ONLY PARTIES TO THE 1947 TREATY (TO WHICH TURKEY
WAS NOT SIGNATORY) ARE AUTHORIZED TO OBJECT TO ALLEGED
VIOLATIONS. KISSINGER

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